not eligible for accommodation from the General Pool provided a house of the same type (acceptable to the Directorate) is given in exchange.

Instructions on interpool transfer apply to all types of accommodation uniformly.

Information regarding the number of houses given on exchange basis w.e.f. 1.1.95 is as follows :

Type	Number of Qtrs.
I	Nil
II	03
III	03
IV	01
IV (Spl.)	Nil
V-A (D-II)	13
V-B (D-I)	01
VI (C-II)	03
VI (Bunglow)	06
VII	07
VIII	Nil
Hostel	04
Total	41

World Bank Assistance

1862. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
SHRI D.P. YADAV :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have asked the World Bank for foreign aid to India for her poverty alleviation and eradication programmes;

(b) if so, the reaction of the World Bank thereon;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the States also for alleviation and eradication programmes; and

(d) if so, the funds sought and allocated Scheme-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. Government of India has sent initial request to World Bank in respect of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Rajasthan for poverty alleviation project. World Bank has sanctioned Japanese Grant of Yen 88.3 million for project preparation. The total project cost can be finalised only after regular project reports are prepared based on the studies undertaken by various States.

Encroachment of Government Land

1863. SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 2342 dated July 31, 1996 regarding encroachment of Government land and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether all encroachment on Government land in Sainik Farm have been removed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the action taken so far to get the unauthorised buildings on Government land in Anant Ram Dairy, New Delhi cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Public Works Department of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that the encroachment is in their knowledge and they have already taken up the matter with the Delhi Police for its removal.

(c) and (d). The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that 22 cases have been booked in the area since 1.1.1996. Demolition notices were issued in all these cases and thereafter demolition orders were passed. In one case action for demolition has also been taken. In the remaining cases, Municipal Corporation of Delhi is already seized of the matter for demolishing the unauthorised construction as per their policy.

(e) N.D.M.C. has reported that whenever unauthorised construction has been noticed in Anant Ram Dairy, notices have been issued for removal/ sealing of the same.

Modernisation of Power Sector

1864. DR. C. SILVERA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the investment for modernisation of power sector, the Government have sought plan allocation for taking up projects by the State owned power utilities during the 9th five year plan;

(b) if so, whether the Government has decided to provide substantial funds for power sector during 9th five year plan;

(c) the main reasons that private parties have not come forward for investment in the power sector;

(d) the other steps being considered by the Government to improve power generation in the country during the said plan;

(e) whether the target set in 8th Five Year Plan for power sector has been achieved; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). The Ninth Plan, which is under finalisation, would interalia, address the resource requirements for the power sector including that for State owned power utilities.

(c) The response of the private sector to the private power programme has been encouraging. However, the financial position of the State Electricity Boards, inter alia, have affected early financial closure of some of these projects.

(d) The other steps being considered by Government include pursuing with the States/other entities a programme of Renovation and Modernisation, improvement in plant load factor of existing plants, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, demand side management, tariff rationalisation etc.

(e) and (f). As against a capacity addition programme of 30537.7 MW during the eighth plan, the likely achievement is expected to be 17668 MW. The main reasons for shortfall have been paucity of resources with the States, rehabilitation and resettlement issues, law and order etc.

Levy of Surcharge

1865. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to levy surcharge on construction of buildings costing over Rs. 50 lakhs to fund housing schemes for poor;

(b) if so, whether the Government also propose to impose penalty on illegal building construction to mobilise funds for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). The National Housing Seminar held from 7th to 9th October, 1996 has, *inter alia*, recommended levy of tax on luxury housing, vacant land tax as well as heavy penalities on unauthorised constructions and crediting these proceeds into a "Shelter Fund" for cross subsidising the housing requirements of the poor.

However, no decision has been taken in this regard by Government.

Food Processing Industries

1866. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to set up and promote food processing industries in each State;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the number of training centres on food processing set up in Tamil Nadu so far; and

(d) the steps being taken to set up more such centres in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not set up any food processing unit directly in any State. However, with a view to encourage investment in food processing industries and to promote domestic/ NRI Foreign investment, Government have liberalised the policies and have delicensed all food processing industries except brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserved for Small Scale Sector. Since liberalisation till October, 1996. 3831 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda envisaging an investment of Rs. 45407 crores for setting up food processing industries in the country have been filed. Out of these, 507 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda involving an investment of Rs. 6596 crores have already been implemented. In addition, 815 approvals involving total project cost of Rs. 11418 crores for setting up 100% Export Oriented Units/Foreign Collaboration/Joint Venture etc. in the Food Processing Sector have been granted during the period till March, 1996. Out of these, 155 projects involving total project cost Rs. 3298 crores have started commercial production, till July, 1996.

In addition, this Ministry is also operating certain Plan Schemes under which financial assistance is provided to State Government Organisations/Assisted/ Joint Sector Companies/Voluntary Organisations/ Cooperatives etc. for setting up/upgrading of food processing facilities.

(c) Under the Plan Schemes of this Ministry financial assistance has been extended for setting up of 14 Food Processing and Training Centres in the State of Tamil Nadu during the Eighth Plan period.

(d) Proposals received for setting up such Centres are considered expeditiously.

[Translation]

Prohibited Areas of Laddakh

1867. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some places in the prohibited areas of